

CLAIMS

1. A method for a second individual having a context
5 log which contains information about contextual aspects,
related to the second individual, as a function of time,
to read information from a first individual's context log
which contains information about contextual aspects,
related to the first individual, as a function of time,
10 c h a r a c t e r i s e d by generating, from information
from the context log of the first individual, a context
graph, available to the second individual, of the first
individual which shows contextual aspects as a function
of time, and including in the context graph at least a
15 contextual aspect which refers to at least one location
of the first individual and a contextual aspect which
refers to at least one activity on a work- or individual-
related object with the same location as the first
individual, and showing by the context graph contextual
20 aspects for a period of time which comprises both present
time and a period of the past in connection with the
present time.

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, c h a r a c -
25 t e r i s e d in that at least one further shown contex-
tual aspect refers to at least one of alternative places
of sojourn of the first individual, a contextual aspect
of another individual with the same location as for the
first individual, a planned contextual aspect as a
30 function of future time of the first individual, how a
planned contextual aspect was planned for the first indi-
vidual when it changed from future to present, allocated
time for a task of an individual, a contextual aspect
referring to allocated time for used time for a work- or
35 individual-related object, a contextual aspect referring
to a work- or individual-related object with the same
location as for the first individual, or a contextual

aspect for documentation related to the first individual or to his work.

3. A method as claimed in claim 2, c h a r a c -
5 t e r i s e d in that for a work- or individual-related
object at least one shown contextual aspect refers to
keyboard activity, pointing device activity, active
application, file name connected to active application,
10 printout on printer, number of sheets printed on printer,
working posture, setting of tool, engaged, switched off
or somehow reachable, called individual, dialled phone
number, called by an individual or called by a telephone
number.

15 4. A method as claimed in claim 2, c h a r a c -
t e r i s e d in that, for documentation related to the
first individual or to his work, at least one shown con-
textual aspect refers to cataloguing based on allocation,
cataloguing based on another contextual aspect or other
20 contextual aspects or communication of documentation
related to one or more individuals at least in one of
the respects sent to, received from, opened by, checked
by, read by, commented on by or printed by.

25 5. A method as claimed in one or more of the preced-
ing claims, c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that at least
information about restriction of availability of a con-
textual aspect made by the second individual in relation
to the first individual, in relation to one or more addi-
30 tional individuals or in relation to one or more groups
of individuals, is included in the contextual aspect log
of the second individual and that at least one of the
consequences of these restrictions can be shown in the
context graph of the first individual which is available
35 to the second individual.

6. A method as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised in that the context graph of the first individual, which is available to the second individual, does not show contextual aspects as a function of time of the first individual to a greater extent than the extent at which the second individual has made his own information about corresponding contextual aspects available to the first individual for a reciprocal period of time.

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7. A method as claimed in claim 6, characterised in that the reciprocal period of time is formed of at least one of the alternatives that it extends over a period of time which is fixed and predetermined in time, that it has a fixed length but rolling in time, that it extends over a period of time which has a predetermined relationship with the present time, that it contains at least a part which is future time, or that it corresponds to a period of time for which the second individual has made information about contextual aspects available to the first individual and a certain additional period of time after the last such period of time.

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8. A method as claimed in one or more of the preceding claims, characterised by showing, available to the second individual, in connection with the context graph of the first individual, also at least one corresponding context graph of the second individual or of one or more additional individuals.

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9. An arrangement for a second individual having a context log (29b), stored on a memory medium (39), which contains information about contextual aspects, related to the second individual, as a function of time, to read information from a first individual's context log (29a) containing information about contextual aspects, related

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to the first individual, as a function of time,
c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that means (35) are arranged
to select contextual aspect information from the context
log (29a) of the first individual and, available to the
5 second individual, generate and present, by image display
means (59b), a context graph (71a) of the first indivi-
dual that shows contextual aspects as a function of time,
and in the context graph (71a), include at least a con-
textual aspect which refers to at least one location of
10 the first individual and a contextual aspect which refers
to at least one activity on a work- or individual-related
object with the same location as the first individual,
and that the context graph (71a) shows contextual aspects
for a period of time which comprises both present time
15 and a period of the past in connection with the present
time.

10. An arrangement as claimed in claim 9, c h a r -
a c t e r i s e d in that means (35) are arranged to at
20 least show one additional contextual aspect which refers
to at least one of alternative places of sojourn of the
first individual, a contextual aspect of another indivi-
dual with the same location as for the first individual,
a planned contextual aspect as a function of future time
25 of the first individual, how a planned contextual aspect
was planned for the first individual when it changed from
future to present, a contextual aspect which refers to
allocated time for a task of an individual, a contextual
aspect for allocated time for used time for a work- or
30 individual-related object, a contextual aspect which
refers to a work- or individual-related object with the
same location as for the first individual, or a
contextual aspect for documentation related to the first
individual or to his work.

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11. An arrangement as claimed in claim 10,
c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that means (35) are arranged

for a work- or individual-related object so that at least one contextual aspect refers to keyboard activity, pointing device activity, active application, file name connected to active application, printout on printer, number
5 of sheets printed on printer, working posture, setting of tool, engaged, switched off or somehow reachable, called individual, dialled phone number, called by an individual or called by a telephone number.

10 12. An arrangement as claimed in claim 10, characterised in that means (35) are arranged for documentation related to the first individual or to his work so that at least one shown contextual aspect
15 refers to cataloguing based on allocation, cataloguing based on another contextual aspect or other contextual aspects or communication of documentation related to one or more individuals at least in one of the respects sent to, received from, opened by, checked by, read by, commented on by or printed by.

20 13. An arrangement as claimed in one or more claims 9-12, characterised in that means (35) are arranged to include in the context log (29b) of the second individual at least information (27b) about
25 restriction of availability of a contextual aspect made by the second individual in relation to the first individual, in relation to one or more additional individuals or in relation to one or more groups of individuals, and that means are arranged so that at least one of the con-
30 sequences of these restrictions can be shown in the context graph (71a) of the first individual which is available to the second individual.

14. An arrangement as claimed in one or more of
35 claims 9-13, characterised in that means (35) are arranged to control that in the context graph (71a) of the first individual, which is available to the second

individual, contextual aspects are not shown as a function of time of the first individual to a greater extent than the extent at which the second individual has made his own information about corresponding contextual
5 aspects available to the first individual for a reciprocal period of time.

15. An arrangement as claimed in one or more of claims 9-14, characterised in that means (35)
10 are arranged to form the reciprocal period of time with at least one of the alternatives that it extends over a period of time which is fixed and predetermined in time, that it has a fixed length but rolling in time, that it extends over a period of time which has a predetermined
15 relationship with the present time, that it contains at least a part which is future time, or that it corresponds to a period of time for which the second individual has made information about contextual aspects available to the first individual and a certain additional period of
20 time after the last such period of time.

16. An arrangement as claimed in one or more of claims 9-15, characterised in that means (35)
are arranged to show, available to the second individual,
25 in connection with the context graph (71a) of the first individual, also at least one corresponding context graph of the second individual or one or more other individuals.

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